

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated August 22, 2005, the Examiner rejected Applicant's traversal with respect to Group I. Accordingly, Applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 108 and 17-21. Applicant reserves the right to file Divisional applications on the non-elected invention.

In the Office Action dated August 22, 2005, the following rejections were made:

Claims 1, 3-8, 17-19 and 21; Rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,088,846 to Baron.

Claims 1, 3-8, 17-19, and 21

Reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1, 3-8, 17-19, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,088,846 to Baron is respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to provide "wherein the inlet tube passes through the interior of the discharge tube." Independent Claim 17 has been amended to provide "wherein the inlet tube passes through the interior of the discharge tube to conduct water received from the water line to a level above the water line of the tank."

As such, independent Claims 1 and 17 are patentably distinct from the invention disclosed in Baron for the reasons provided here.

Claims 1 and 17, in essence, have been amended to include the limitation acknowledged by the Examiner as allowable in dependent Claims 2 and 20 respectively.

Claims 3 – 8, by virtue of their dependence on Claim 1, as currently amended, now include all of the limitations of Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 3-8 are allowable as stated.

Claims 18-19, and 21 by virtue of their dependence on Claim 17, as currently amended, now include all of the limitations of Claim 17. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 18-19, and 21 are allowable as stated.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 1, 3-8, 17-19, and 21. Applicant thanks the Examiner for consideration of the above.

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